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WE HOPE THAT IN FORMULATING THEIR RESPONSE TO RUTH'S
COMMENTS ON INCLUSION OF BERLIN GARRISONS, WASHINGTON
AGENCIES WILL CONSIDER MAKING THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. US DOES NOT INTEND TO REDUCE ITS BERLIN GARRISON.

B. US BERLIN GARRISON IS ALREADY INCLUDED IN 193,000
US GROUND FORCE FIGURE ALREADY GIVEN TO EAST. THERE WILL
BE NO CHANGE IN THIS FIGURE IN NEW ALLIED GROUND FORCE TOTALS
AND WE WOULD NOT WISH TO CHANGE THIS FIGURE IN ADDITION TO

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AT SOME POINT INDICATING SHIFT IN OVERALL ALLIED TOTAL

IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WITH EAST.

C. WE CONSIDER WISEST TREATMENT OF BERLIN VIS-A-VIS
EAST IS, WHILE ABSTAINING FROM REDUCING ALLIED GARRISONS
IN BERLIN, TO INCLUDE THEM IN TOTAL OF ALLIED FORCES. IT
IS TRUE THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD MAKE ALLIED REDUCTIONS
MARGINALLY LARGER. NONETHELESS, IT IS BETTER
TO INCLUDE THE BERLIN GARRISON IN THE TOTALS IN ORDER
TO AVOID UNPRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION WITH EAST ABOUT THE
SPECIAL STATUS OF BERLIN AND WHETHER OR NOT IT IS IN
REDUCTION AREA, A DISCUSSION FOR WHICH THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS
ARE NOT APPROPRIATE FORUM.HUMES

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